



Dear Expectant Mom,

We are Scott and Sonja. We are grateful for the opportunity to introduce ourselves and tell you about our family, our life and our hope to some day become parents. We have been married for eleven years and are very much looking forward to adopting a baby.

Scott and Sonja

We have been trying to have children for almost eight years. Even though we have been through numerous fertility treatments and have not been successful giving birth to a child, we have always known that we would eventually become parents. While nature has not provided us the chance to start a family, having the opportunity to adopt a baby and provide a loving home for a child is more important to us than giving birth. We admire your courageous decision to choose life for your baby and to search for options that will provide your baby with a future of security and opportunity. We will give your child a life filled with an abundance of love, close-knit family, the best education available, and the enduring support to pursue their interests in life.

We live in a spacious, three-story home located in a suburban neighborhood filled with families and children of all ages.

All of Sonja's family lives within an hour from our house, including her brother's family, who lives in our neighborhood. Scott is a teacher and high school basketball coach. He is passionate about working with children. He really enjoys his summer break when he can boat, fish and play golf. Sonja is an accountant and plays an important role in providing financial security for our family. She enjoys volunteering in the





community, running and exercising, and, on occasion, beating Scott at golf!

We were raised with many important family values that we believe have molded us into the adults we are today and the parents we will be to your child. We believe our parents are the cornerstone of who we have become, and we see them as an important part of our family.

Scott's Perspective on Family Values

My parents provided me with a quality education, a strong religious faith and encouraged me to be well-rounded as an individual. I attended a private grade school and a public high school. While these two learning environments were very different, each of them provided great experience and overall diversity. My parents were supportive of my desire to be a student athlete, but they also wanted me to be well-rounded

with an appreciation of other activities. While I did not always enjoy going to plays, musicals and taking cotillion as a child, as an adult, I now realize that my parents were trying to diversify my interests and provide me with an underlying culture I could someday appreciate. Character and integrity were two principles I was taught never to compromise. My father used to meet with me and my brothers for what he called "board meetings". During these times, he would talk to us about becoming men, being good fathers and husbands, and would often use real life examples and current events to emphasize his messages. Even though we all now live in different cities and can't do it as often, we still have these "meetings" with my father today. I look forward to them and realize that much of what I have come to value about character and integrity was derived from these discussions with my father. My parents are looking forward to the day they become grandparents. We are looking forward to sharing that experience with them.

Sonja's Perspective on Family Values

My parents were always supportive of the interests I pursued in life. When my mother immigrated to America, she did not speak fluent English and had no other family here with the exception of my father who was returning home from the military. In all the adversity that my mother endured to learn another language, culture and to build a loving home for our family, she always showed my brothers and me enduring support to pursue our dreams. That



is something we will also pass on to our child. Inspired by her strength and perseverance as a hardworking mother, I pursued many extracurricular activities in school and, eventually, worked my way to college by earning a scholarship. In all of the activities that I participated as a child, whether it was sports competitions, academics, or proms and sleepovers with friends, my mother was always there to make



sure that I didn't miss out on a single thing in life. My mother has taught me to work hard for what I want, to love and support my husband and child in the pursuit of their interests, and to find a good balance in work and in life. My parents have six grandchildren and are anxiously awaiting the day to welcome our child into their hearts.

Our Marriage

We have a strong marriage built on a foundation of love and support for each other. We will provide

your child an environment to learn commitment and responsibility to oneself as an individual, as well as to others. Scott is a supportive husband and always helps out around the house whether it is with laundry, dishes, sweeping floors or making beds...he is not a good cook, but he can grill a mean burger! Sonja is a homemaker, likes to cook and loves gardening. She can turn a wrench and fix things around the house, too...sometimes she is Mr. Fix It! We believe that it takes two to make a house a home, and we share in the responsibilities as a commitment to each other. We are also committed to sharing the responsibilities of raising a child, as our parents have demonstrated to us that a child needs a strong foundation of love and support from both a mother and a father.

Sonja's Beauty Inside and Out

When I met Sonja for the first time, I remember thinking to myself "she is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen." After the first few dates, I realized that she was just as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. In a lot of ways, she makes me feel like I have won the lottery! She is a hardworking individual who is dedicated to giving whatever she is doing her all, whether it is running a half marathon, passing the C.P.A examination, or hosting a get together for family or



Scott - Also known in our house as "Coach"



friends. She is a supportive wife and, sometimes, I like to think of her more as my assistant coach, as she is always there at my basketball games to cheer me on, listen to me when I need an ear, and provide encouragement when I need it most. It is tough at times being a coach, because you can't win them all. However, when you know you have a good "home team", it is a constant

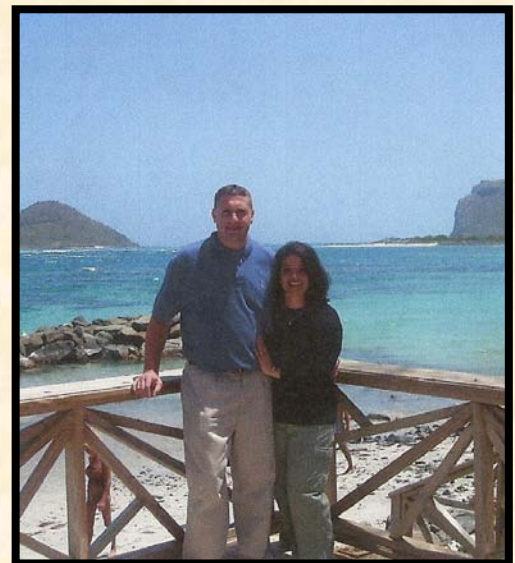
reminder that you are winning in the game that matters most. She is a good person who has given her time and talents to charitable causes for the benefit of others. As an aunt, daughter, and sister she is loved by her family for her commitment to making them feel like a special part of her life. I know she will be a devoted, loving and inspiring mother to our child.

Scott - Coach, Mentor, Friend and Father

I met Scott almost fourteen years ago, and after meeting him the first time, I fell in love with him. He has so much passion for life and is so giving of himself to others. As a teacher and a coach, he has a special way of connecting to the kids he teaches and coaches. He has built relationships with kids he has taught and coached that have lasted long after they graduated high school. He has a way of making them feel special. Maybe it is the way he takes an interest in the shyest or most troubled child, or, perhaps, it is because he always remembers their name. He is a devoted uncle, brother and loyal friend. His best friends are his brothers, and he doesn't miss a chance to spend birthdays or sporting events with his nieces and nephews. He is the only person I know who stays in regular contact with all of his friends from high school, and it is no coincidence that they always show up when he needs them the most. These are characteristics of a passionate and loving person; one that I feel will make a great father.

Why We Want to Adopt a Child

We believe God has a hand in all that happens and provides us with opportunities to affect the lives of others. We are ready to be parents. Our lives up until now have been fulfilling but not complete. We have so





much love to give a child, and we really believe that sharing our lives with a child is what we were meant to do. We would be happy to send you letters and photographs, letting you know how your child is getting along, if you wish.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce ourselves. We admire you for choosing life for your baby and we know that you will make the best decision to find the right parents for your child.

If you would like to know more about us, talk with us by telephone, or meet us in person, please let Steve or Joel Kirsh know. You can reach them at 800-333-5736.

Best wishes to you on your journey!

Sincerely,